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In re application of:

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OF ROD-SHAPED ARTICLES

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, Applicant submits the following

Amendment and Reply.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. A check in the amount of \$410.00 is enclosed. However, if no check is attached or if the Patent Office deems that any additional fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No.

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